

Mid-East Prophecy Update – April 15th, 2012

- With resurrection Sunday being last week, it's now been two weeks, since we've had our prophecy update, and so much has happened since.
- As I was praying about, and thinking about what I would be talking about today, I had considerable difficulty deciding on which direction to go.
- So, for today's prophecy update I want to begin by having you turn in your Bibles to the Apostle Paul's second letter to the church in Corinth.

2 Corinthians 4:4 NIV The god of this age has blinded the minds of unbelievers, so that they cannot see the light of the gospel of the glory of Christ, who is the image of God.

- While I realize that this verse is not directly associated with Bible prophecy, I would submit to you that indirectly it has everything to do with it.
- Here's why I say that, the purpose of Bible prophecy is to know Jesus, and let others know about Jesus. This is why we do what we do weekly.
- That being said, there is this matter of people not seeing what we see when we see all that is happening in the world through a prophetic lens.

- If you're anything like me, and I suspect you are, you are probably as baffled as I am when something major happens, and people don't see it.
- Why is that? I would suggest that the Devil is hard at work to keep people in the dark, as it were, so they cannot see the light of the gospel.
- We need look no further to understand why it is that not long after some catastrophic and devastating global event it's just business as usual.

- The god of this world deceives people to just go back to business as usual because he certainly does not want them doing business with God.
- People have been deceived and believed that somehow, someday, things will get better, and that there's really nothing to worry about. It's OK.
- Is it? The situation in Syria gets even worse by the day, and there are earthquakes some of which are massive happening all on the same day.

- Then, in concert with all of that, you have this failed rocket launch in North Korea, coupled with the wars and rumors of war increasing globally.
- Add to this the unspeakable financial crisis that is now gripping the entire world along with the unthinkable price increase of fuel and even food.
- Also, you must factor into the equation the unprecedented tornadoes that swept through Texas, the likes of which had never been seen before.

- That's not all; in addition to all of this there are very strange happenings in the sky with the sun, not to mention its impact on our planet earth.
- As if all of this wasn't bad enough, you also have the unimaginable moral decline and decay that has all but corroded anything that is Biblical.
- You don't have to look very hard to realize that anything Christian is scorned, ridiculed, mocked and blasphemed especially with what's on TV.

- If this is discouraging and depressing to you, take heart, because our study in Romans chapter eight will fill in some of the blanks related to why.
- At the risk of an oversimplification, the fact of the matter is everything we see coming to pass in the world today points to the rapture anytime.
- So much is happening so fast, and what's so fascinating about it is that everything that we see happening right now was predicted in the Bible.

- For those of us who would be considered prophecy savvy, this isn't really surprising to us, because we are amongst those who know our Bibles.
- However, what is a little surprising isn't so much what's happening, it's that there seems to be this conspicuous silence about what's happening.
- I don't mean to imply that this is chiefly in the conspiracy sense, rather, it's more of a Satanic strategy to distract the world with the meaningless.

Last week I happened upon an interesting article titled; "19 Things That The Talking Heads On Television Are Being Strangely Silent About." Here are some excerpts; "... unfortunately way too many Americans allow their realities to be defined by what they hear from the mainstream media. Way too many people use phrases such as "if that was true I would have heard about it on television" to deflect conversations that are starting to become uncomfortable. Critical thinking is a skill that is in short supply in America today, and most Americans seem content to let their televisions do their thinking for them. Sadly, the pretty people on television do not spend a lot of time talking about the things that are truly important. Instead, they love to talk about the latest celebrity scandal and they love to divide people into groups and get them fighting with one another. In this day and age, it is absolutely critical that we all learn to think for ourselves. The talking heads on television are concerned with keeping their bosses happy and with keeping the ratings up. ...Unfortunately, most Americans seem perfectly content with the "infotainment" that they are getting from the major news networks, so major changes to the mainstream media are not likely to happen any time soon. For those wanting something different, you will have to seek out alternative sources of news that are willing to discuss the truly earth shattering events that are continually taking place all over the globe. So what are some of the things that the mainstream media has been ignoring? [What follows, in the interest of time, is an abbreviation of that list of 19 things:]

- #1 Strange Things Happening On The Sun
- #2 Fukushima [Radiation & Debris]
- #4 Stunning Rise In Volcanic Activity Around The World
- #5 Global Food Prices Rising Again
- #6 U.S. Government Debt Downgraded Again
- #10 Preparations For War In The Persian Gulf
- #14 Increase In Global Earthquakes
- #16 Evacuation Drills At U.S. Public Schools
- #17 Strange Sounds In The Sky
- #18 Crazy Tornado Outbreaks

- This begs the question of why Satan doesn't want anyone talking about any of this. Could it be that people would turn to the Lord if they did?
- Doesn't it stand to reason that if people really understood the enormity of what's happening prophetically, that they would come to Jesus Christ?
- Here's the problem, Satan knows this, so to keep people from this, he will do everything, and stop at nothing to both bind and blind the world.

- I'm of the belief that we have past the point of no return because of the unstoppable momentum with which everything seems to be happening.
- Not only will things not get better, there's not any more time left even if they somehow could. There's not even time to get ready, only be ready.
- By way of a sport analogy, we're no longer in overtime, we're in "sudden death" and Jesus Christ will come suddenly, at an hour expected not.

Revelation 12:12 NIV Therefore rejoice, you heavens and you who dwell in them! But woe to the earth and the sea, because the devil has gone down to you! He is filled with fury, because he knows that his time is short."